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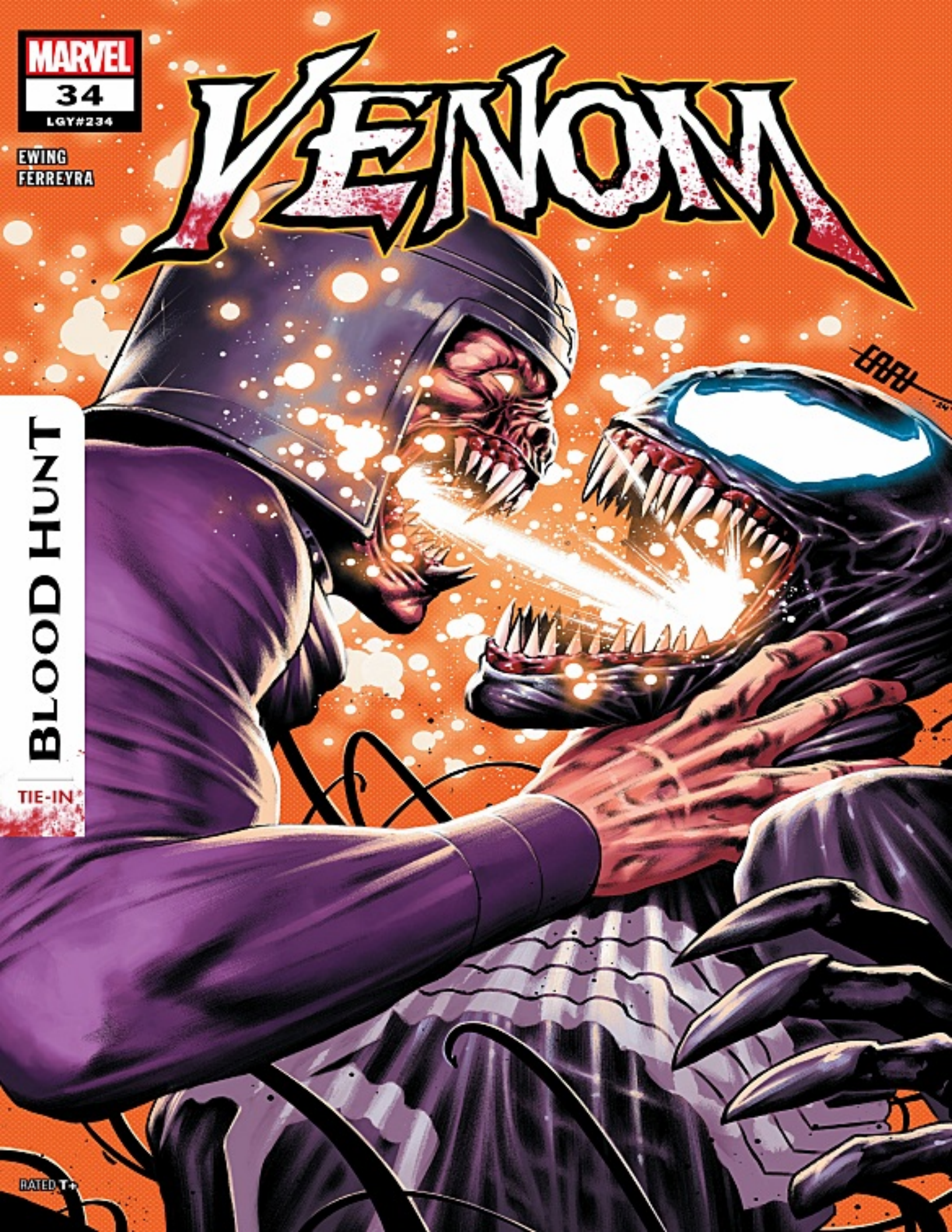
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JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leave a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



Years ago, **EDDIE BROCK** was a reporter whose career was ruined, and he contemplated ending his own life. But he found a kindred spirit--an extraterrestrial parasitic alien called a symbiote. The creature bonded to him, and the two were joined. Together, they are:

VENOM

"EXSANGUINATION"

PREVIOUSLY

Eternal night and hordes of vampires descend upon Earth! After murdering **DYLAN BROCK, CARNAGE**, the bloodthirsty symbiote bonded to serial killer **CLETUS KASADY**, traveled to the **GARDEN OF TIME** to hunt his next victim: **EDDIE BROCK**. Though Eddie and the other incarnations of the King in Black escaped, Carnage destroyed the Garden, leaving Eddie and **MERIDIUS** lost in the timestream.

Venom managed to stabilize Dylan's body, abandoning him and swearing never to bond to a host again, but the boy's soul slipped away to the **EVENTUALITY**, Eddie Brock's final form at the end of time, where Dylan asked it five questions.

At a cemetery, a zombified **LEE PRICE**, former host to Venom, rose from his grave, where he attacked the symbiote, seemingly at the behest of the **CAPTIVE**, a hyper-lethal extraterrestrial symbiote vampire! Meanwhile, Dylan awoke, only to find himself at the mercy of a vampiric priest intent on vengeance against Eddie!

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...
I KNOW
YOU.

I'VE
SEEN YOUR
FACE.

WELL,
THAT'S JUST
FASCINATING.

I HEARD
YOU TELLING THE
OTHER ALIEN THAT YOU'D
FOUND OUT EVERYTHING
THE VENOM SYMBIOTE
HAD DONE...

...AND I
ASSUMED THAT WAS A
CONVERSATION.



BUT YOU
EXPERIENCED
IT, DIDN'T YOU, DYLAN?
YOU SAW IT. YOU
FELT IT.

WHAT
HE DID TO
ME...



...WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
HEAR IT FROM
MY SIDE?



YEARS AGO.

"I DIDN'T LEARN WHO YOUR FATHER WAS UNTIL LATER, AFTER THE... UNPLEASANTNESS.

"AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T SEE THE ALIEN--ONLY THE MAN. A DANGEROUS MAN, CERTAINLY...A MAN OF VIOLENCE...BUT HUMAN ALL THE SAME.

"SO I THOUGHT.*

*THEY MET IN VENOM #150Y --ED

"HE WAS TROUBLED. HE'D RETURNED TO A RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID. I GOT THE IMPRESSION HIS OTHER HALF WAS... A CONTROLLING INFLUENCE.

"COMPELLING HIM. DIRECTING HIM AGAINST HIS BETTER NATURE."



EVERYTHING HE SAID WAS A RED FLAG. EVEN SO, I NEVER PUSHED.

I NEVER SAID, "WHOEVER THIS IS, GET AWAY FROM THEM! PACK YOUR BAGS! LEAVE! RUN!"

BUT GIVEN TIME, I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE...

...AND THE ALIEN KNEW IT.



"SO THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF YOUR FATHER..."



"...FOR ABOUT
HALF AN
HOUR.

"UNTIL
HE CAME
BACK."

LATER...AFTER
VENOM BROKE
THREE OF MY RIBS,
FRACTURED MY HIP AND
GAVE ME A TREMOR
I KEPT UNTIL
I DIED...

...HE CAME
TO THE HOSPITAL
TO CONFESS. THE
SYMBIOTE--NOT
EDDIE BROCK, HE TOLD
ME HE WANTED TO
DO GOOD.

HE OFFERED ME
PROTECTION.

UH...

HOW'D
THAT GO?



NOT SO WELL.

"I'D ONLY JUST
GOTTEN OUT OF
THE HOSPITAL.
I WAS WALKING--
LIMPING--BACK
TO MY PARISH.
THE SUN HAD
ONLY JUST SET.

"BUT I
WASN'T
ON HOLY
GROUND.
I WASN'T
WEARING MY
CROSS. I
DIDN'T PICK
UP A SLICE
OF GARLIC
PEPPERONI
PIZZA OR A
BOTTLED
WATER TO
BLESS.

"HAD I MADE
IT TO HOLY
GROUND...
WELL, WHO
KNOWS?

"I WAS IN
THE WRONG
PLACE AT
THE WRONG
TIME, WITH NO
DEFENSES..."

"AND WHEN I
ROSE AGAIN,
AFTER THEY'D
DRAINED ME FOR
SUSTENANCE
AND TURNED ME
FOR FUN..."

...SAVE FOR
THE PROTECTION
OF VENOM.

BUT
VENOM NEVER
CAME.





...I HAD A NEW
MINISTRY.

A NEW
CALLING, A NEW
VOCATION.

LOOK AT
YOU. CAST OUT
FROM HUMAN SOCIETY.
EVEN YOUR FRIENDS
HAVE NO TIME
FOR YOU.

LIKE SO
MANY OTHERS.
AND ONLY A
CHILD...

WHAT GOD
COULD PERMIT
SUCH A
THING?

BUT I HAVE
GOOD NEWS.
GOD MAY HAVE
ABANDONED YOU...
BUT MY MASTER
HAS NOT.

AND THERE IS
A NEW SOCIETY
BEING BUILT IN THE
COMFORTING
DARKNESS...
THAT WILL WELCOME
YOU WITH OPEN
ARMS.

DON'T
BE AFRAID,
SON.

THE PAIN
ONLY LASTS FOR
A SECOND...

LEE PRICE'S
GRAVE.

THE PAIN
CAN LAST FOR
CENTURIES.

HERE LIES
LEE PRICE

AS LONG
AS THE THRALL
LASTS.

WE LIKE
TO KEEP THEM
AROUND—ONES
LIKE THIS, WITH A DEEP
NEED FOR A SYMBIOTE,
MAKES A WONDERFUL
LURE. PERFECT
BAIT.

OTHER
SYMBIOTES
WILL INVESTIGATE
THE CALL SOON
ENOUGH... MAKING
UP REASONS IN
THEIR MINDS.

LEE...

YOU FEEL
FOR HIM? HOW
SWEET.

AND PAIN
IS A MATTER OF
SCALE.

LIKE
LIFE...

DON'T WORRY.
WHAT'S LEFT
OF HIS MIND
CAN'T REMEMBER
A PHYSICAL
CONDITION BEFORE
THE ENDLESS PAIN.



...LIKE
DEATH!

HAHAHAHAHA!

CAN YOU
TRULY KNOW PAIN
IF YOU'VE NEVER
KNOWN ANYTHING
ELSE? DOESN'T
PAIN BECOME
NOTHING?

I SURVIVED
"GROUND ZERO" OF
A SUPERNOVA, YOU KNOW.
EVEN THAT ONLY WEAKENED
ME... ENOUGH THAT I COULD
BE MAROONED ON
THIS BACKWATER
WORLD...

...BUT I COULD
WAIT. EVEN WHEN
THE PRIMITIVES HERE
FROZE ME IN STASIS,
I KNEW MY MOMENT
WOULD COME.


AND IF
YOU CANNOT
KNOW DEATH--
ARE YOU TRULY
ALIVE?

OR SOMETHING
GREATER...?

FOR I AM
SOMETHING
GREATER THAN
MERELY ALIVE!
I AM THE
CAPTIVE!

I AM
FOREVER!

HAHAHA
HAAA!



AND
SURE ENOUGH,
THE MOMENT
CAME.

THE **LITTLE**
VAMPIRES OF THIS
WORLD RELEASED
ME, THEIR GALACTIC
BROTHER. TO KILL
YOU, SYMBIOTE--
YOU AND YOUR
KIND.

ALL OF
THIS...IS FOR
YOU.

THEY SEE
YOU--A **SYMBIOTE**
INSTEAD OF A **PARASITE**,
A THING OF **ALIEN ICHOR**
INSTEAD OF **NICE**, SAFE
BLOOD THEY
CAN DRINK--

--AND
THEY THINK YOU'RE
COMPETITION.

IT'S
SWEET,
HOW HARD THEY
TRY TO BE
SCARY...

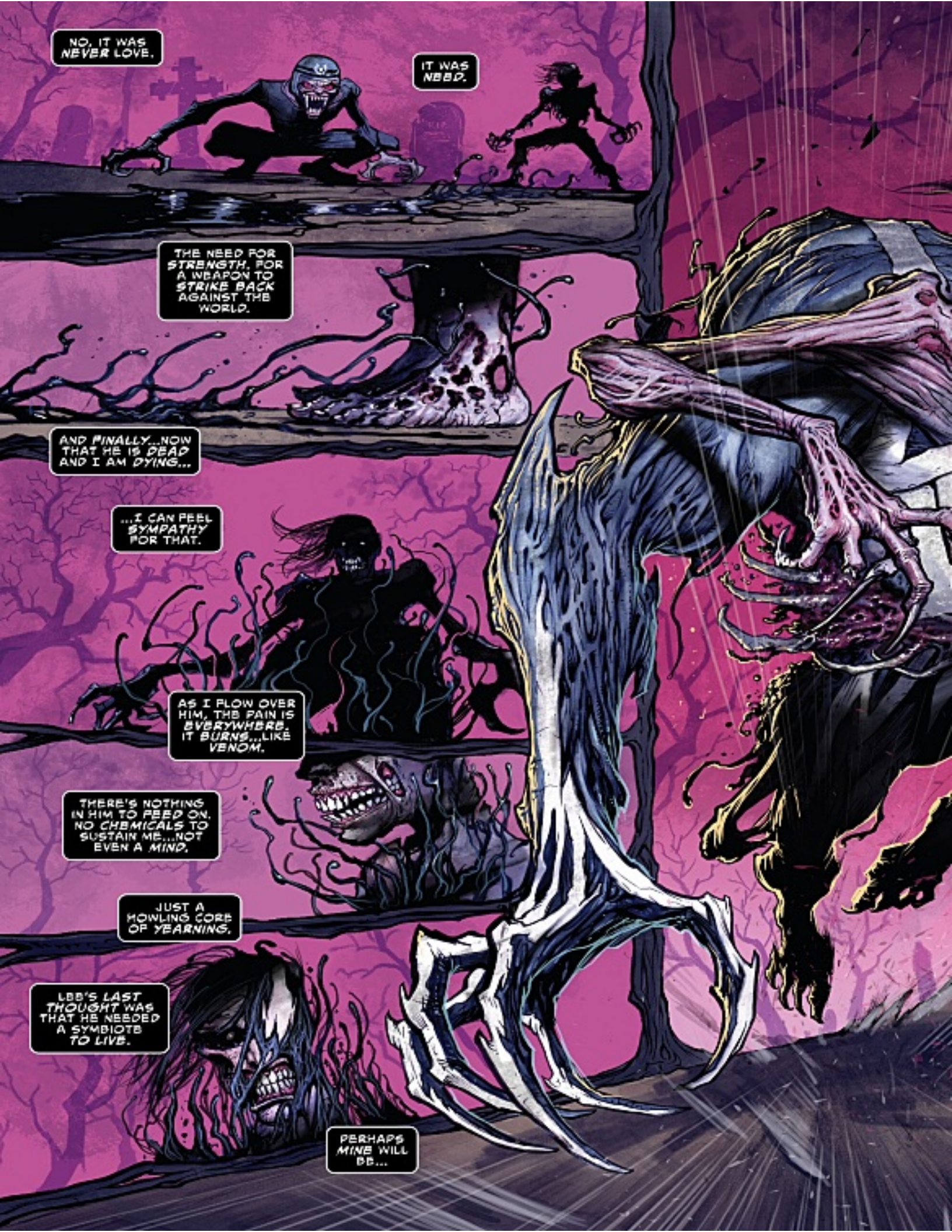
...BUT THEY
JUST CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
THE **SCALE** I
EXIST ON.

YOU'RE
JUST **PREY**...
BUT **SO ARE**
THEY. SO IS
THEIR **PLANET**.
SO IS THEIR
SUN.

I JUST
HAVE TO GROW
STRONG
ENOUGH...

...TO
TAKE A
BITE.





NO. IT WAS
NEVER LOVE.

IT WAS
NEED.

THE NEED FOR
STRENGTH. FOR
A WEAPON TO
STRIKE BACK
AGAINST THE
WORLD.

AND FINALLY...NOW
THAT HE IS DEAD
AND I AM DYING...

...I CAN FEEL
SYMPATHY
FOR THAT.


AS I FLOW OVER
HIM, THE PAIN IS
EVERYWHERE.
IT BURNS...LIKE
VENOM.

THERE'S NOTHING
IN HIM TO FEED ON.
NO CHEMICALS TO
SUSTAIN ME...NOT
EVEN A MIND.

JUST A
HOWLING CORE
OF YEARNING.

LEE'S LAST
THOUGHT WAS
THAT HE NEEDED
A SYMBIOTE
TO LIVE.

PERHAPS
MINE WILL
BE...



...THAT I NEEDED
A HOST TO FACE
DEATH.

COME...
COME ON,
THEN.
FEED
ON THIS.



BITE
ME.



YES, THAT'S
GENERALLY HOW
IT WORKS.

NOT JUST
A BITE THOUGH.
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO
DRAIN YOU PAST THE
POINT OF HUMAN DEATH...
UNTIL THE VAMPIRIC
ENZYME GOES TO
WORK ON YOUR
CORPSE.



GENERALLY,
THAT'S AROUND
FOUR PINTS.
BUT YOU'RE SMALL,
SO I'LL LEAVE OFF
AT THREE.

I'M
WATCHING MY
WEIGHT.



AAHH!
GET OFF
ME!

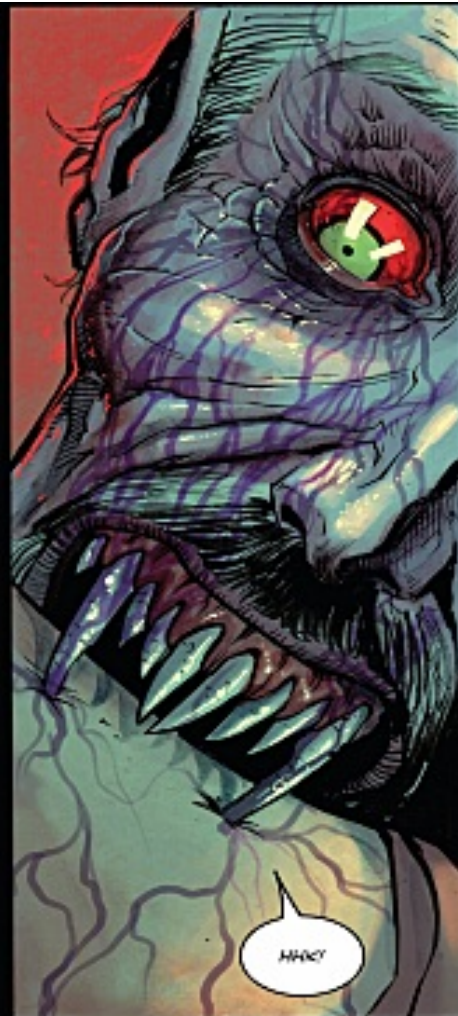
YOU DON'T
WANT TO DO THIS!
I'M NOT JUST ANOTHER
HOMELESS KID FOR
YOU TO SNACK ON!
I'VE GOT--

YES,
YES, YOU'VE GOT
CONNECTIONS!



POWERFUL
CONNECTIONS!
SYMBIOTE
CONNECTIONS!
AND WHERE ARE
THEY NOW,
HAMM?

WHERE THE
SUN DOESN'T
SHINE...





OFFERING
YOURSELF IN
SUPPLICATION
TO YOUR
DEITY.

I'M
CHARMED.

AND I
SHOULD BE
AFRAID.

WHY AM
I NOT
AFRAID?

TAKE A
BITE.

CHOKE
ON US.

IS THAT YOU,
LEE... SPEAKING
IN MY VOICE...?

I THINK
NOT.

I THINK
YOUR LIFE WILL
SLIP DOWN MY
THROAT AS
SMOOTH
AS...

AAAAHHH!

WHAT...?



WHAT...WHAT
IS THIS? THIS
FEELING! MY OWN
FLESH FEEDING
ON ME!

WHAT IS ITS
NAME?

AND ALL
AT ONCE...
I KNOW.

THE ONLY
THING LEE
EVER GIFTED
ME...

PAIN.

IT CREATES A FEEDBACK
IN HIM--A SHORT CIRCUIT.
AM I THE FIRST SYMBIOTE
IN HISTORY TO TRY THIS
TACTIC? THE FIRST TO
ENDURE THIS PAIN?



IS THIS HOW
MY ANCESTORS
SURVIVED?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

TAKE.
EAT.

IS THIS HOW
WE FOUGHT
BACK?



OLLEKE!!

THIS
IS MY
BODY--



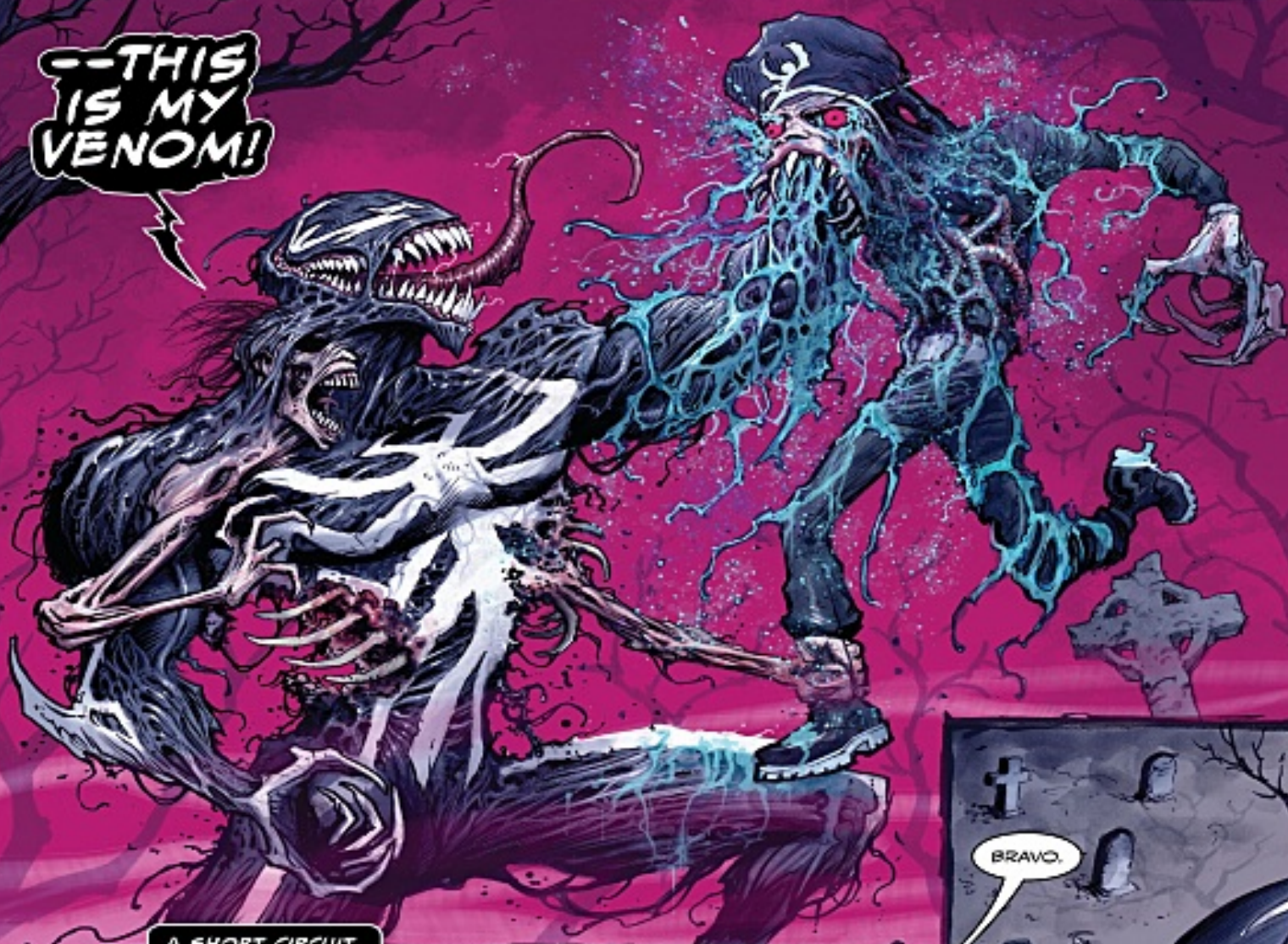
THE CAPTIVE IS THE ULTIMATE
APEX PREDATOR. HE LIVED
THROUGH AN EXPLODING STAR.

I KNOW HOW
BAD PAIN CAN GET.
HE DOES NOT.

AND NOW...NOW THE
CAPTIVE CAN'T FEED
ON ME WITHOUT
FEEDING ON HIS OWN
LURE--MADE WITH
HIS OWN ENERGIES.



--THIS
IS MY
VENOM!



A SHORT CIRCUIT.
THE CAPTIVE'S OWN
LIFE ENERGY
RUPTED FROM HIM.

IS HE
DYING? CAN
HE DIE...?

BRAVO.

WHO...?



MERIDIUS.

WHO
ELSE?



MR. PRICE...
A QUESTION.

DO YOU
WANT A SICK
AND DYING
SYMBIOTE TO
BOND WITH?

OR
FRESH AND
AGELESS
SYMBIOTE
MATTER...?



MMUHH.

LEE--!

ONCE, I
ABANDONED HIM
FOR SOMETHING
BETTER.

PERHAPS
THIS IS
POETIC
JUSTICE.

POETIC
JUSTICE?
WELL, IT'S IRONY,
CERTAINLY. I THOUGHT
IF WE MET AGAIN,
I'D BE BONDING
WITH YOU.

YOU DON'T
RECOGNIZE
ME?

NO...?



WELL, WE'VE BOTH CHANGED. I SHOULD KNOW-- I'M THE ONE WHO HELPED CHANGE YOU.

NOT QUITE INTO WHAT I WANTED, BUT... WELL, EVEN SOMEONE AS LONG-LIVED AS ME CAN'T PREDICT THESE THINGS.

WHO... WHO ARE YOU...?

ONCE, WE KNEW EACH OTHER VERY WELL. THAT WAS A FEW EPOCHS AGO FOR ME... STILL, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLUE.

THE ABSENT THRONE...? WHAT DYLAN WAS SEARCHING FOR... SO...YOU'VE FINALLY WON...

DYLAN IS DEAD. I'M... GOING TO DIE HERE...

MORE THAN LIKELY, THAT'S WHY I'M TAKING LEE-- A CONSOLATION PRIZE.

I WAS ONCE A KING ON A THRONE...

...BUT NOW MY THRONE IS ABSENT.

AS A PLAN B... WELL, HE WON'T GIVE ME THE VENOMWORLD YOU WOULD HAVE, BUT OUR LITTLE ZOMBIOTE WILL GIVE ME SOMETHING CLOSE.

AND AS PAYMENT...A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE. A FINAL BIT OF STIMULUS TO RESPOND TO.

DYLAN'S ALIVE. AND EDDIE--YOUR EDDIE--IS COMING BACK.

AND THEN?



THEN
THE WAR
BEGINS.

TO BE CONTINUED IN
VENOM WAR!

BLOOD HUNT

CHECKLIST

JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4

NEXT:

VENOM

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VENOM WAR prelude!



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